

## IN THE CYCLING WORLD.

### CONDITION OF ROADS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

SOME OF THE CLUB RUNS FOR TO-DAY—NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS—NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The last week has been a rather trying one to the riders of the wheel, and cyclists all over the district hope for a few days of clear weather. The conditions are favorable for riding to-day, and the warm sun of yesterday put the macadam roads in fine condition. These roads are in much better shape than they were before the rain, and touring wheelmen to-day will find little or no dust. The appended list of conditions, up to and including yesterday afternoon, was received by the New-York Division of the League of American Wheelmen. Cyclists preparing for long tours to-day will find it to their convenience to stick pretty close to the macadam paved districts. Some of the dirt roads have dried out nicely, but the majority will be found to be too muddy for pleasurable riding.

While the heavy rains recently have made dirt roads muddy, they have tended to improve macadam roads, which had become dusty. As the weather predictions are for clearing and drying weather, most roads should be in rideable condition to-day. The macadam roads should be exceptionally fine.

All roads twenty miles north of One-hundred-and-fifty-fifth-st. are drying out. The rain, however, has been so heavy that much of the loose surface dirt has been washed away. Webster-ave., between Bedford Park and Williamsbridge, is being repaired, and is impassable for bicycles. The road between New-Rochelle and Larchmont has been macadamized and is all right. In West Farms riding on side-paths is not permitted, except in case the road is muddy. Twelve miles an hour is allowable from West Farms to West Chester Village and roundabout. Macadam roads through Harlem and Westchester will be in excellent condition for wheeling to-day. In Manhattanville, Lawrence-st. is being laid with asphalt, and is blocked between St. Nicholas-ave. and the Boulevard. When completed it will make a first-class road to many points. Broadway, in Kingsbridge, above the railroad crossing, is being repaired, and is, consequently, unreliable, except by sidepaths. Macadam roads in Pelham Manor are good. The Boston Post Road, between Pelham Manor and New-Rochelle, is being repaired. Cyclists should take Shore Road or else they will be obliged to carry their wheels five blocks or climb over the railroad cuts. Other roads are described as follows:

Brewster—The roads are in good riding condition. Campbell Hill—Roads in bad condition. Chappaqua—Roads in bad condition. Garrison—Roads in bad condition. Pleasantville and between Chappaqua and Mount Kisco being repaired. Roads in good condition. Cortlandt—Roads in good condition. Dobbs Ferry—Macadam roads good. Dutchess—All roads muddy. Fishkill—Roads not rideable. Fort Montgomery—Roads in poor shape. Garrison—Roads muddy. There are no restrictions in Garrison, but in Cold Spring it is unlawful to ride on the sidewalk or after dark without a light. Highland Falls—Macadam roads good. Main-st. being repaired. Mamoroneck—Roads to Rye Beach being repaired. There is a village of mud on the road between Rye and a speed of six miles an hour.

Milford—Macadam roads muddy; dirt roads muddy. Monticello—Roads in good condition. New-Rochelle—Macadam roads fair, but slippery; dirt and side paths bad. Port Chester—Dirt roads good. Port Jervis—Dirt roads good. Port Richmond—Macadam roads fair; dirt roads fair. Port Richmond—Macadam roads fair; dirt roads fair. Port Richmond—Macadam roads fair; dirt roads fair. Port Richmond—Macadam roads fair; dirt roads fair.

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Men Wheelmen will lead a large party of the members to the Irvington-Millburn road race and from there to one of the race meets in the vicinity, where the majority of the club's racing men will compete. First Lieutenant Bullock will take a party to the Delaware Water Gap, starting Saturday afternoon and arriving home Monday night. A small party will also start Saturday and ride to Philadelphia, under the direction of Second Lieutenant Vallette, reaching home Monday evening.

Owing to the demand on the part of riders who wanted to have the Spencer brake fitted to their wheels, the company controlling it has at last decided to yield to the pressure. This comes after the concern has for a year steadfastly refused to do any business in the device except on a wholesale basis with manufacturers.

"Just Ourselves" is the title of a new cycling club lately organized in Newark. Both men and women cyclists are eligible, but only in even numbers. Another peculiarity is that there are no officers or dues. A run, with a dance or supper, is held each week.

One of the striking features of the '97 Special Eagle is the large cantilever sprocket, as is also the size of the involute rear sprocket. A great deal of care has been spent by the company in obtaining forgings for these parts, the teeth being cut with the greatest accuracy by special milling machinery built for the purpose.

Numbness and cramp in the hands, due to the vibration of the handlebars, so commonly suffered by riders, have been the cause of many inventions and expedients designed to obviate these difficulties, and now some new style of grips have appeared, which are said to fit the bill perfectly. One pattern of these grips, called "Perfectly," is made of soft, springy rubber, and covered with a thin jacket of leather. Another style is made in the same manner, but is open at both ends, so that it can be slipped to any position on the bars, and accommodate those who like to ride with their hands on top instead of on the ends. Still another pattern is made so that the air circulates freely inside and, coming up from below strikes the palm of the hands.

The popularity of the hygienic saddle is shown this year by the fact that the Hunt factory, although more than doubled in size, is running at its full capacity.

Cyclists desiring to join the League of American Wheelmen may obtain full printed information and membership blanks by sending names and addresses to the Cycling Editor, Tribune.

**A CLOSE STUDENT OF THE WHEEL.**  
**W. B. WEBSTER, A YOUNG MAN WELL KNOWN IN THE CYCLING WORLD.**

W. B. Webster is a young man well known in the cycling world, both in the track and in cycle club work. He is a close student of the wheel, and he has many friends among wheelmen. He is the author of many useful hints for riders, Mr. Webster has charge of the downtown branch for the Phillips Manufacturing Company. He first engaged in the bicycle business in the West, and, coming to New-York, he went with A. G. Spaulding & Co., and he is a firm believer in the future of the wheel.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison, too, believes in the effort for better highways. "I am in thorough sympathy with the good roads movement," writes Mr. Harrison, probably recollecting the contrast between Washington roads and some of the roads in Indiana.

Anthony Higgins, formerly United States Senator from Delaware, says: "I have a great interest in good roads, and like nearly all citizens, I am glad to see that interest promoted."

The late "Jerry" Rusk, while Secretary of Agriculture in President Harrison's Cabinet, declared: "The city is almost as much interested in getting good roads as the country. Good roads is a movement by the people and for the people."

In a letter Colonel Frederick D. Grant, one of the Police Commissioners of New-York, writes thus of the good roads movement: "The sentiment of the Nation is almost unanimously in favor of good roads. Good roads improve the appearance of the country, enhance the value of all classes of property, facilitate the movement of products, and are from every point of view a public benefit. I have no doubt that the efforts of the League of American Wheelmen, and he is a wheelman himself, together with the efforts of the numerous other classes busily engaged in that direction, will bring about a system of good roads."

Some of the more important club runs arranged for to-day will be found in the appended list:

Quill Club Wheelmen—To Manhattan Beach, leaving the Brooklyn end of the Bridge at 10:30 a. m. Dinner at Sheepshead Bay.

Kickerbocker Athletic Club Wheelmen—To City Island, starting at 9:30 a. m. from Forty-sixth-st. and Madison-ave.

New-York Yacht Club Wheelmen—To Travers Island, starting at 10 a. m. from Sixtieth-st. and Western Boulevard.

Xavier Wheelmen—To Bergen Point, starting at 9 a. m. from West Fourth-st. and Madison-ave.

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